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SUBJECT: SURRENDERED PDP INSURGENTS ALLUDE TO HELP FROM PRIVATE
U.S. SOURCES

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE EVENING OF MAY 7, GUB SURFACED ELEVEN MORE FORMER THAI-BASED INSURGENTS WHO HAVE AVAILED THEMSELVES OF CURRENT AMNESTY. NONE ARE OF ANY SPECIAL PROMINENCE. PRESS AND RADIO HAVE NOT YET CARRIED STORY BUT WILL DO SO MORNING OF MAY 9.

2. ONE OF GROUP, U TIN MAUNG AKA LAWRENCE KHIN NYO, FORMER HEAD OF PDP RADIO STATION, TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE PDP HAD EMPLOYED AT SALARY OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 A MONTH, A U.S. "EXPERT" TO HELP ESTABLISH BROADCASTING STATION AND TO PROCURE RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR PDP FORCES. HE IDENTIFIED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS HARRY FARMER, A FORMER ARMY SIGNAL CORPS SERGEANT WHO SERVED IN VIET-NAM AND IN CHIENG MAI (1966-68) BEFORE RETIRING TO LIVE IN THAILAND. TIN MAUNG ADDED THAT FARMER RESIGNED AFTER FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS' WORK. TIN MAUNG ALSO CLAIMED PDP HAD RECEIVED HELP AND SUPPORT FROM PRAPHAT, AS WELL AS \$10 MILLION FROM "AN AMERICAN LADY MULTI-MILLIONAIRE."

3. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE GROUP, EX-ARMY CAPT. SOE MYINT, ADDED THE
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REMARK THAT IF THE PDP HAD ACCEPTED AID FROM PRC IT WOULD HAVE

REGAINED POWER IN BURMA WITHIN TWO MONTHS; IF IT HAD ACCEPTED
AID FROM THE CIA IT WOULD HAVE REGAINED POWER WITHIN TWO YEARS.

4. EMBOFF HAS CHECKED WITH GUB SECURITY OFFICERS WHO ASSURED US
THAT THERE WAS NO INTIMATION OF OFFICIAL U.S. SUPPORT BY ANY OF
THE EXPATRIATES. WE WERE FURTHER INFORMED THAT PRESS ACCOUNT ON
9 MAY WILL NOT BE LEVELING ANY OF THE OLD CHARGES INVOLVING USG
AND U NU.

5. WILL REPORT PRESS TREATMENT OF STORY BY USINFO.
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